EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Shawna Cannon Lemon on October 13, 2006.

3. In the claims:

- Claim 52, lines 2-6, "comprising (a)dysfunction." has been replaced with -comprising the steps of (a) providing a test sample from a patient with hemostatic
 dysfunction, (b) adding a divalent metal cation reagent to the test sample wherein the
 reagent does not cause fibrin formation, (c) measuring the formation of a complex
 comprising C reactive protein (CRP) and at least one human lipoprotein selected from the
 group consisting of very low density lipoprotein (VLDL) and intermediate density
 lipoprotein (IDL), (d) administering a therapeutic to said patient, (e) repeating the steps
 (a) through (d) at a later time, wherein a decrease in said complex formation at said later
 time is indicative of the efficacy of said therapeutic for treatment of hemostatic
 dysfunction. --
- 4. Claims 52-53, and 71-73 are pending and allowed.
- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Huynh "NEON" whose telephone number is (571) 272-0846. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:30 p.m. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone

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